

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER IPC(7) : A61K 9/44 US CL : 424/467 According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC		
B. FIELDS SEARCHED Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols) U.S. : 424/467 Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)		
C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT		
Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 4,824,677 (Shah et al.) 25 Apr. 1989, Figures 1-11 and claims 1-28	1-3, 5-12, 15, 21-26, 33

Y		4, 13-14, 20-21
X	US 2003/0215563 A1 (BUNICK) 20 November 2003 whole document	1-3, 5-12, 15, 21-26, 33

Y		4, 4, 13-14, 20-21
X	US 4,473,192 (Urban et al.) 25 September 1984 whole document	23-26
Y	US 3,450,252 (Hallerback) 17 June 1969 whole document	4, 13-14
Y	US 5,041,430 (Addicks et al.) 20 August 1991 (Example 3)	17, 18
Y	US 3,696,091 (Eberlein et al) 03 October 1972 (examples 2b, 3b, 4b, 5b, 6b)	17, 19
Y	US 6,555,581 B1 (Franz et al.) 29 April 2003 (abstract)	17, 20
<input type="checkbox"/> Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C. <input type="checkbox"/> See patent family annex.		
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Box No. II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
2. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:
3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box No. III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:
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1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. ☒ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.: 1-26 and 33

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The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.

No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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BOX III. OBSERVATIONS WHERE UNITY OF INVENTION IS LACKING

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. In order for all inventions to be examined, the appropriate additional examination fees must be paid.

Group I, claim(s) 1-26, and 33 drawn to a segmented tablet and method of using said tablet.

Group II, claim(s) 27-32, drawn to a segmented tablet with scoring and a method of using same..

Group I, claims 1-26 and 33 is drawn to a segmented tablet and method of using the same.

Goup II, claims 27-32 is drawn to a scored segmented tablet and methods of using the same.

The inventions listed as Groups I and II do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: The special technical feature of Group II is that the segmented tablet has scoring. Scoring is not required for Group I, so this special technical feature cannot be said to be shared between the two groups.